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Your Best Options for Tornado Safety are (in this order)



1. In an underground storm shelter, storm cellar, basement or engineered safe room designed to withstand a tornado
2. On the lowest floor of a sturdy building:
 - Stay away from doors, windows and outside walls.
 - Put as many walls between you and the tornado as you can-an interior room.
 - Use pillows, couch cushions, sleeping bags, a mattress or blankets to cover up.
 - If you or your children have helmets, wear them!
 - If you have an infant, put them in their car seat or carrier.
3. If you live in a mobile home-evacuate and go to the nearest shelter

Other important sheltering reminders:

- Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt and shoes (not sandals, crocs, etc.)
- Charge your cell phone and take it with you to shelter

You can survive almost every tornado if you follow these guidelines!



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If You Do Not Feel Safe From a Tornado Where You Are Including Mobile Homes...



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1. ...and you feel the need to drive somewhere else to find better shelter, it is critical that you do not wait too long to make that critical decision.
2. Your options depend on the specifics of your situation, and an important issue is how much time you have!
3. If you wait until the tornado warning is in effect for your location, it is probably too late to be able to drive away safely!
4. If you choose to leave in your vehicle, be sure you know where you are going before you start the car. Try to let someone know you are not at home and where you are going.
5. Do not assume that public buildings are tornado shelters. Check with your local community before storms ever develop.
6. Be sure that you are not putting yourself in more danger by driving into another storm. In other words, **BE AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION!**



Tornadoes and Cars-Final Thoughts

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- During a tornado, aside from a mobile home, a vehicle is one of the most dangerous places to be especially with a storm in a crowded metropolitan area.
- The vast majority of tornadoes are very survivable if you abide by some very simple guidelines. Get to the lowest level of a sturdy structure and get as many walls between you and outside as possible.
- There's no good answer for what to do if a person is caught driving in the path of a tornado.
- If you are in your car, and there is a tornado, you're faced with some very difficult choices and options, none of which are good and none of which are guaranteed to keep you safe.
- For ideas of what to do if caught in a tornado while in a vehicle, visit <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tornado>